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9 October 2020

To : Chamber Managers

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Updated - School Calendar for Learners in Ordinary Public Schools for the year 2021**

**Provinces:** Eastern Cape, Free State, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo, Mpumalanga, North West, Northern Cape and Western Cape.

*(All nine provinces have the same school calendars).*

Terms	Duration	Number of weeks	Number of days	Number of Public Holidays	Actual no. of school days
1	(25) 27 Jan. – 31 March	10	46 (48)	1	45 (47)
2	13 April - 25 June	11	54	2 + 1	51
3	13 July – 23 Sept.	11	53	1	52
4	5 Oct. – 08 (10) Dec.	10	47 (49)	0	47 (49)
<b>Total</b>		<b>42</b>	<b>200 (204)</b>	<b>4 + 1</b>	<b>195 (199)</b>

**N.B:** Dates in brackets ( ) apply to educators.

The information has been compiled from the official source (Government Gazette), and whilst every effort is made in ensuring that the information supplied to us is correct, PIFSA (PRINTING SA) cannot be held responsible for any changes or inaccuracies by the Department.

Yours sincerely,



**Maria Silveiro**  
**PIFSA Administrator**



# AMENDED 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR



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January 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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April 2021						
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July 2021						
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October 2021						
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February 2021						
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27	28					

May 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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August 2021						
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15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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November 2021						
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March 2021						
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June 2021						
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September 2021						
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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25	26	27	28	29	30	

December 2021						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Weekends	
Days for administration	
School days	
Public holidays	
Special school holidays	
School holidays	

Public and School Holidays 2021	
01 January	New Year's Day
21 March	Human Rights Day
22 March	Public holiday
02 April	Good Friday
05 April	Family Day
26 April	School holiday
27 April	Freedom Day
01 May	Workers' Day
16 June	Youth Day
09 August	National Women's Day
24 September	Heritage Day
16 December	Day of Reconciliation
25 December	Christmas Day
26 December	Day of Goodwill

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**DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION**

NO. 1055

02 OCTOBER 2020

**NATIONAL EDUCATION POLICY ACT, 1996 (ACT NO 27 OF 1996)  
AMENDED 2021 SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, acting in terms of section 3(4)(k) of the National Education Policy Act, 1996, (Act No. 27 of 1996), and after consultation with the Council of Education Ministers, hereby publish the Amended 2021 School Calendar for public schools in South Africa as detailed in the accompanying schedule.

**MRS ANGIE MOTSHEKGA, MP****MINISTER****DATE:** 02/10/2020